

Minutes of Meeting of Long Sutton Parish Council
Held at the Hall on Tuesday 5th July 2016 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors, Mr J A Ellerbeck (Vice-Chairman in the Chair) Mr T P Shire, Mr J Foy, Mr M Turpin, Mr G Farenden and Mr D R C Agnew. PCSO Keira Stewart and 2 members of the public. County Councillor Mr D Ruddle joined the meeting at approximately 8.15 pm

Apologies for Absence: Councillors Mr R W Fry (Chairman) and Mr P A F Godfrey and

Public Observations/Question Time: No matters were raised.

Parking on the pavement at Langport Road was again raised with the PCSO by the PC.

1. Casual Vacancy

The Clerk confirmed that she had received from Mr Pomeroy, confirmation of his resignation from the Council.

The vacancy has been advertised and members of the public have until the 12th July 2016 to request an election. If there is no request for an election the Parish Council will be able to co-opt a new Councillor at the September meeting.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes of meeting held on 7th June 2016 - It was proposed Mr Shire, seconded Mr Foy and unanimously agreed that the minutes, which had previously been circulated, should be signed as a true record by the Vice-Chairman.

4. Matters Arising: No matters were raised.

5. County Councillor's Report - Mr Ruddle was not present.

6. District Councillor's Report - Mr Pledger was unable to be present at the meeting.

7. Planning

Application No: 16/02083/S73 Application to vary conditions 2 (approved plans) and 4 (surface materials) of approval 13/04297/FUL with the substitution of proposed site plan to allow the exclusion of a turning circle. Burrow Hill View Martock Road. Concern was expressed regarding the parking/turning of vehicles, following which it was proposed, seconded and unanimously resolved that the PC object to the application as the present plans give rise to doubt regarding the turning of cars. The Application plans also show gates which were refused on the previous application in 2013.

Application No: 16/02405/FUL Proposed two storey side extension, erection of front porch, replacement roof and internal alterations. Lyncroft, Back Street.

It was proposed, seconded and unanimously resolved that there was no objection to this application.

Application No: 16/02881/FUL Change of use of land and erection of storage building, composting toilet and permeable hard standing. Land OS 4300 Downslade Lane.

It was proposed, seconded and unanimously resolved that the PC has no objection to this application but would like to see the structure coloured in matt grey to blend with the surroundings.

Permissions granted by SSDC:-

Application No: 16/00431/FUL Erection of rural workers dwelling on Land Pt OS 0097 Longmarsh Lane.

Application No: 16/02066/FUL Installation of 2 230mm diameter sunpipes over lounge. Parsons Barn, Martock Road.

Application No: 16/01323/FUL Proposed new vehicular entrance on Land OS 4910, Bineham Lane.

Application No: 16/01989/FUL Extension of existing outbuilding to provide carport and storage. Hillcrest. Shute Lane.

Application No: 16/02062/FUL Erection of carport and storage building. St Benedicts Farm, Knole.

8. A request to purchase land by Farringdon House

A letter has been received from the Solicitors for the owners of Farringdon House who say that their clients are interested in purchasing the two areas of land either side of the access adjoining their property.

A reply has been sent informing them that all the land which abuts the front boundary of Farringdon House forms part of the Village Green and is registered as such under the Commons Registration Act 1965 on the Register of Town or Village Greens (Register No: V11).

A Deed of Access was granted by the PC in February 2008 over the strip of land between the two parcels of land mentioned above but the rights were not granted in perpetuity or for a fixed term of years.

Following discussion it was proposed, seconded and unanimously resolved that the PC did not wish to sell any part of the Village Green. It was however agreed that the PC should await any further communication from the Solicitors for the owners' of Farringdon House before replying accordingly.

9. Village Hall and Recreation Ground:

9.1 VHC Election of Officers: Mrs Pringle will be resigning as Booking Clerk/Minute Secretary on 1st September. This vacancy is being advertised in the Newsletter and on the website.

A Chairman is also required for the VHC. There being no offers forthcoming and in view of the small number of members on the committee, it was proposed by Mr Foy, seconded Mr Farenden and unanimously agreed that a notice be put in the Newsletter advertising for volunteers to join the committee.

9.2 Cricket Club: Nothing to report

9.3 Village Hall Maintenance: This is ongoing.

There is concern regarding the condition of the tennis courts, in particular the fencing and the possibility of obtaining a grant is being investigated.

10. Finance:

10.1 Estimated Balances and Accounts for Payment

Business Reserve A/c		<u>£18,175.53</u>
Current A/c		26,820.89
Less A/cs paid last meeting and £340 deposit paid to D Pearce-Walls Re Fire Door for VH which the PC previously agreed to pay for	1,883.06	
Initial PWB Loan Repayment	<u>2,033.63</u>	<u>3,916.69</u>
		22,904.20
Add Tr from Lengthsman A/c – Internal Audit fee		30.00
SSE Energy payment		1,730.16
Tengore Community Benefit payment		<u>1,809.60</u>
		<u>£26,473.96</u>

A cheque for £500 has also been sent to Unity Trust Bank to open the new account but it does not yet appear to have been paid.

Lengthsman A/c		4,837.66
Less Tr to PC Current A/c - internal audit fee		<u>30.00</u>
		4,807.66
Add VH Reimbursement for materials		<u>99.95</u>
		<u>£4,907.61</u>

A/cs for payment:

Clerk's Salary		300.00
HMRC Tax on Clerk's salary – amount to be confirmed		
Community Warden's fee for June (includes VH chipper hire of £20)		665.92

It was proposed Mr Ellerbeck, seconded Mr Agnew and unanimously resolved that the sum of £10,000 should be transferred from the NatWest Current A/c to the Unity Trust Account to give working capital.

The Clerk's salary and tax payable to HMRC to be paid immediately the Unity Trust online facility is available.

It was proposed Mr Foy, seconded Mr Agnew and unanimously resolved that the Clerk be authorised to sign the cheque for £665.92 due to the Community Warden, Mr Ellerbeck being the only other signatory to the account present.

10.2 Financial Regulations/Online Banking

Confirmation is awaited from Unity Trust regarding the setting up of online banking.

The Financial Regulations will be updated in due course.

11. Allotments/Farm Business Tenancies

Mr Ellerbeck confirmed that he had spoken to both the tenants of the Dock Hill land regarding the possibility of some of this land being used for allotments.

County Councillor Mr Ruddle having now arrived, he was invited to give his report.

He reported on financial matters and said that devolution with Devon is going strong.

He was informed that concern has been expressed regarding the condition and surface of Gainsmarsh Lane. Littlefield Lane and Crouds Lane were also mentioned.

12. Community Warden Scheme

The CW has continued with vegetation management over the past month and has carried out work to the maple trees adjacent to the tennis courts.

It has been suggested by a Parishioner that it would be good if the CW could paint all the village sign posts when he has nothing more important to do.

13. Parish Website

There was mention of pages which require updating.

14. Neighbourhood Watch/Community Safety/Civil Contingencies

It was reported that there was a shed break in at Shute Lane last Friday.

15. Representative Reports and any other matters regarding:

15.1 Highways

15.1.1 Speeding – Langport Road: Mr Foy reported that he has made contact with Dave Grabham of SCC who deals with the Speed Indicator Devices.

15.1.2 Overgrown hedge complaint: These are now various throughout the village and a note has been put in the Newsletter reminding householders of their responsibility to keep their boundaries which overhang pavements/footpaths or highways, clear of overhanging vegetation

15.1.3 Update on other highways matters. Mr Foy reported that he is still waiting to hear from Chris Weeks of SCC Highways regarding outstanding matters

15.2 Footpaths: It was reported that a few of the footpaths have been tidied up.

15.3 Environment

Mr Shire reported that he had obtained a price of £329 for the renewal of the notice board at Langport Road. To renew two notice boards would cost £593.58.

It was proposed Mr Agnew, seconded Mr Foy and unanimously resolved that the PC should proceed with both the renewal of the notice board at Langport Road and also the one at Upton.

16. Correspondence

None other than emails previously forwarded to Councillors.

17. Date of next meeting - There will not be a meeting in August unless the Planning Group decide it is necessary to call one to discuss a planning application. It was also agreed that as some Councillors will be away on the 6th September, the September meeting will take place on the 13th September. A note will be put in the Newsletter accordingly.

18. Any Other Business/Items for next meeting

The PC wished to send their condolences to the Chairman and the whole Fry family following the passing of Mrs June Fry.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm